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Request for an Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Respectfully requested is an extension in the time for filing a response during the first month following the expiration of a shortened statutory period. The purpose of this request is to file our Amendment and Response to the September 4, 2001 Office Action submitted simultaneously herewith.

Applicant is a large entity. Our check for \$110 to cover the fee for the one month extension is enclosed herewith. You are hereby authorized to deduct from our deposit account, number 10-1202, any other fees that may be due to maintain this application in pending status while the Examiner considers the enclosed response.

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